

What is claimed is:

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B2 1) A process for evaluating the strength of a specific intellectual Property for purposes of commercializing it comprising the steps of:

- a) interacting with a computer;
- b) entering data from one or more sources into said computer, said computer having been pre-programmed such that said data is organized by one or more predetermined risk factors;
- c) evaluating the data by comparing it to a preset standard;
- d) computing a score which represents a relative degree of strength associated with any undertaking to commercialize said intellectual property;

2) The process of Claim 1 wherein entering of the data into the computer is done via telephone from a location other than the location having the computer.

Sub A2 3) The process of Claim 1 wherein the predetermined risk factors for organizing the data are selected from the categories of subjects consisting of: Technical orientation,

Technical Review, Preliminary Assessment, Patent Study, Market Identification and Analysis, Industry Intelligence, Cost/Benefit Analysis, Marketing/Licensing Assessment and Licensing/Enforcement.

4) The process of Claim 3 wherein computing said score is achieved by calculating a category score.

5) The process of Claim 4 wherein the category score is weighted and combined with other category scores and used to modify a primary risk indicia to calculate a composite score.

6) The process of Claim 5 wherein the composite score is modified by a moral hazard factor to calculate a probable success factor.

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7) The process of Claim 6 wherein the probable success factor is multiplied by projected recoveries to determine the net recovery from commercializing the Intellectual Property.

8) The process of Claim 7 wherein the intellectual property to be commercialized is a patent.

9) The process of Claim 7 wherein the intellectual property to be commercialized is a trademark.

10) The process of Claim 7 wherein the intellectual property to be commercialized is a copyright.

Sub A B3
11) A process for determining the probable success of a lawsuit comprising the steps of:

- a) interacting with a pre-programmed computer;
- b) entering data from one or more sources into said computer, said computer having been pre-programmed such that said data is organized by pre-determined categories;
- c) evaluating the data by comparing it to a preset standard;
- d) computing a score which represents a relative degree of strength associated with the lawsuit;
- e) using the score to determine a probable success factor for undertaking the lawsuit.

12) The process of claim 11 wherein the lawsuit is one involving intellectual property.

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13) The process of claim 12 wherein the score is a risk factor score based upon an evaluation of one or more risk factors specific to the intellectual property upon which a suit is being brought.

14) The process of claim 12 wherein the score is a category score resulting from categorizing various risk factors into categories and determining a category score.

15) The process of claim 14 wherein the category score is used to modify a primary risk indicia in determining a composite score.

16) The process of claim 15 wherein an adjustment for moral hazard is made to the composite score resulting in a probable success factor.

Sub A6 17) The method of claim 16 wherein the probable success factor is applied to a projected recovery to determine the net recovery.

18) The process of claim 14 wherein the determination of the category score is accomplished using at least one relative risk factor.

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